

Scott, Tom

From: Barnes, David
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 10:47 AM
To: Scott, Tom
Subject: FW: DPM Conversions

Importance: High

Tom,

This is the spreadsheet Luker and I used to convert our pCi/g lab sample results to dpm/100cm² surface contamination units (in conjunction with the DOE memo).

Specifically:

1. The nuclide, isotopic pCi/g results, and isotopic pCi/g MDA are taken from the lab report.
2. Approximate total sample weight and surface area are known quantities supplied by the sample team.
3. The lab digested a sub-sample with a surface area of ~1 inch square.

Therefore: $\frac{(\text{results in pCi/g})(\text{total sample weight})(2.22 \text{ dpm/pCi})}{(\text{total sample area})(6.4516 \text{ square cm/square inch})}$

gives you dpm/cm²

multiply by 100 for dpm/100cm² for results that are directly comparable to 5400.5 DCGLs.

(detailed unit conversion on spreadsheet)

-----Original Message-----

From: Luker, Steve
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 1999 9:38 AM
To: Barnes, David
Subject: DPM Conversions
Importance: High

Dave,

This is adapted from the 779 Project (they've used this template in a couple of reports).

The T112A #s have been input in this version.

Please compare w/ your numbers and review/modify/use as needed.

Call if questions or comments.

Thanks.

s luker x7291



T112A radchem
conver1.xls

T112A Media Sample Results (dpm/100 cm²)

LOCATION DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE LOCATION NUMBER	SITE SAMPLE ID	NUCLIDE	pCi/g	MDA (pCi/g)	APPROXIMATE WEIGHT (g)	APPROXIMATE SURFACE AREA (in ²)	INDIVIDUAL NUCLIDE (dpm/100cm ²)	ESTIMATED MDA (dpm/100cm ²)	URANIUM TOTAL (dpm/100cm ²) Limit=5000	TRANSURANIC TOTAL (dpm/100cm ²) Limit=100
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			U-235	0.016	0.042			0.4	1.1		
			U-238	0.270	0.050			7.0	1.3	14.2	
			Pu-239/240	0.000	0.045			0.0	1.2		
			Am-241	0.000	0.086			0.0	2.2		0.0
T112A, roof SW corner			U-233/234	0.259	0.072	129.00	192	6.0	1.7		
			U-235	0.000	0.043			0.0	1.0		
			U-238	0.332	0.035			7.7	0.8	13.7	
			Pu-239/240	0.017	0.045			0.4	1.0		
			Am-241	0.000	0.053			0.0	1.2		0.4

MIN	13.7	5000	0.0
MAX	14.2		0.4
MEAN	13.9		0.2
SD	0.4		0.3
DOE Order 5400.5 Free-Release Threshold (DCGL)			

$$\text{Unit conversion: } \frac{\text{dpm}}{100\text{cm}^2} = 100 \times \frac{\text{pCi}}{\text{g}} \times \frac{\text{# of g}}{\text{in}^2} = 2.22 \frac{\text{dpm}}{\text{pCi}} \times \frac{\text{# of in}^2}{6.4516 \text{ cm}^2}$$

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Unit conversion: dpm/100cm² = 100 X

pCi	# of g	2.22 dpm	# of in ²	in ²
g		pCi		6.4516 cm ²

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Scott, Tom

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To: tom.scott@rfets.gov
Cc: dave.barnes@rfets.gov
Subject: Surface Activity Conversions

Tom,

As discussed, here's a summary of the conversion and the related V&V.

- 1) The calculations used in our report were the same as those used on the 779 D&D Project for MARSSIM free-release determinations.
- 2) The equation is documented within a spreadsheet/template (MS EXCEL), and has been verified through peer and QA reviews, and approved by DOE, CDPHE, and EPA Region VIII (e.g., the Bldg 729 Closeout report, B Annex report, Administrative Area Report, etc.)
- 3) The equation simply converts the concentration (pCi/g) of a paint/concrete matrix—scraped from a known surface area of interest—to dpm/100cm² for the purpose of directly comparing sample results to DOE 5400.5 free-release limits.
- 4) The equation is conservative (toward estimating maximum alpha contamination) in that it translates total mass of the sample to the surface, where, in reality, some of the mass may be below the surface and any rads present below the surface would NOT contribute alpha activity as assumed in the conversion.
- 5) Barnes has the template we used if you need more detail.

Thanks (and sorry I missed the 9 o'clock).

Page me if questions 212-6534).

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